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REMARKS

Routine review of the previously submitted claims indicated a few minor informalities therein, which informalities have been corrected as set forth in the claim set as attached hereto. All of the corrections are believed to be wholly minor in nature and hence are not believed not to raise any new issues or require any new patentability evaluations.

This will also make of record a telephone conversation with Examiner Hannaher on February 5, 2004. The Examiner noted some minor informalities in Claims 31, 32 and 34. In view of the Examiner's objections, the dependency of these claims has been corrected so that these claims are now believed to be in acceptable form.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to enclosed Form PTO-1449 wherein there is identified German documents G 94 20 231.1 and DE 40 02 346 A1, both of which were originally identified in a Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed simultaneous with the nationalization of this U.S.A. application. The Examiner previously deleted these from the initialed 1449 on the grounds that translations thereof had not been submitted.

The Examiner is advised that full translations of these documents are not available, but the undersigned's German associate has provided the undersigned with comments as to the content of these applications, which comments are generally restated below:

Regarding G 94 20 231, it discloses a gas detector for carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide for a fire alarm system, for instance. According to Figure 2, the detector has a transmitter 8 and two receivers 6 and 7 placed at a distance 2 and 3, respectively, from transmitter 8. The detector can be used for measuring gases in a high concentration, as carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide when a fire arises, but not in a low concentration of ppm, such as according to the present invention. In particular, G 94 20 231 does not disclose a

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